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## REPLY AND AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed on February 23, 2005, for which a Petition for an Extension of Time and its required fee are enclosed.